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SUBJECT: SOWETO SECONDARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE STILL LOW

1. SOWETO SCHOOLS REMAIN PARTIALLY FILLED AS MORE STUDENTS TRICKLE BACK, BUT THE SSRC (AND COMMITTEE OF TEN) CALL FOR AN END TO THE BOYCOTT HAS YET TO BRING ABOUT NORMAL ATTENDANCE.

2. CONOFF VISITED SEVERAL SOWETO SECONDARY SCHOOLS TODAY (AUG 17) AND ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE APPROXIMATELY 30-40 PER CENT. BY APPEARANCE, HOWEVER, POLICE ASSERTION THAT STUDENTS ARE NOT IN CLASSES SEEMED CORRECT AS STUDENTS LOITERED OR PLAYED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS WHILE TEACHERS MILLED ABOUT.

3. COMMENT: IN DISCUSSION WITH SOWETO SECURITY POLICE HEAD COL. TONY VISSER, HE REMARKED STUDENTS ARE NOT IN CLASSES, BUT MERELY HANGING AROUND SCHOOL GROUNDS FOR POLITICAL MEETINGS OR TO STONE PASSING VEHICLES. ORLANDO HIGH PRINCIPAL W. KAMBULE AND MORRIS ISAACSON TEACHER FANYANA MAZIBUKO ALLEGED POLICE HARRASSMENT OF STUDENTS, HOWEVER, HAD KEPT MANY STUDENTS AWAY. KAMBULE SAID HE WAS TOLD BY A POLICEMAN THE POLICE HOPED

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SCHOOLS WOULD BE CLOSED DOWN AS THEY WERE "TROUBLE CENTERS." WHILE IT SEEMS THE POLICE ARE FREED FROM RESTRAINTS IMPOSED BY SOWETO POLICE CHIEF JAN VISSER IN THE PAST AGAINST INVADING SCHOOL GROUNDS, OFFICIAL POLICY STILL APPEARS TO BE TO KEEP SCHOOLS OPEN. REPORTING OFFICER WAS TOLD BY A TEACHER AT ONE OF SCHOOLS VISITED THAT JAN VISSER WAS MEETING WITH SOWETO BANTU EDUCATION HEAD STRYDOM AND CERTAIN SOWETO HEADMASTERS

IN EFFORT TO EFFECT COMPROMISE ON KEEPING SCHOOLS OPEN AND
GETTING ATTENDANCE BACK TO NORMAL.
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